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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: KAPUUO LIKELY TO PARTICIPATE IN TALKS

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1. CLEMENS KAPUUO LEADER OF HERERO CHIEFS COUNCIL ANNOUNCED
IN WINDHOEK JUNE 18 THAT HE AND COUNCIL HAVE DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE
TO ATTEND PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS ON FUTURE OF NAMIBIA.
KAPUUO SAID HE IS NOW SATISFIED THAT TRUE LEADERS OF
OTHER POPULATION GROUPS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN AS DELEGATES. ACCORDING
TO JOHANNESBURG STAR CORRESPONDENT IN WINDHOEK. KAPUUO SPECIFICALLY
SAID HE CONSIDERS REPRESENTATIVES OF OWAMBO, KAVANGO, COLORED GROUP,
NAMA, BASTERS AND WHITES TO BE " TRUE LEADERS".

2. ASSUMING KAPUUO AND COUNCIL STICK TO LATEST POSITION, ONLY
NAMIBIAN GROUP NOT OFFICIALLY DECIDED ON PARTICIPATION IN TALKS IS
DAMAMAR. DAMARALAND ADVISORY COUNCIL (DAC) AND DAMARA TRIBAL
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EXECUTIVE (DTE) REPORTEDLY WILL MEET SHORTLY TO DISCUSS THEIR

POSITION. NEWLY FOUND DAMARA UNITY (REFTEL) REMAINS SHAKY, HOWEVER,

WITH NATIONAL AFRICAN PEOPLES DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATION, POLITICAL
ARM OF DTE, THUS MAINTAINING STAND AGAINST TALKS WHILE SOME

MEMBERS OF BOTH DTE AND DAC ARE INCLINED TO TAKE PART.

3. COMMENT: KAPPUOOS APPARENT AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN CON-
STITUTIONAL DISCUSSIONS HAS REMOVED MAJOR OBSTACLE IN WAY OF TALKS.
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN PROMOTING CONFERENCE HAVE INDICATED

SEVERAL TIMES DURING PAST FEW WEEKS THAT SUCH TALKS COULD BEGIN
WITHOUT ALL POPULATION GROUPS OFFICIALLY REPRESENTED. HERETO
CONCURRENCE COULD OPEN WAY FOR EARLY CONVENING OF TALKS, WHATEVER
DECISION DAMARA MAY MAKE.

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